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Spirit Week and Homecoming a Huge Success

By Katie Sibilia
News Staff Writer

The north high school hallways, which were filled with streamers and balloons, became the showcase for school spirit. School spirit week running October 16 to the 20th, is the first of many for this high school. Being the first, this year's spirit week will long be remembered for the tremendous participation by all students, faculty, and staff. Accolades need to be extended to all student government members and all classes for their hard work to make spirit week a success. The tradition of a pep rally before the homecoming game came to life when students, faculty, and administration filled the gym. All of the performers brought a tremendous vitality to the rally triggering a frenzy of spirit among the students. The festivities ended with the announcement of the homecoming court and king. Randy Paulino became the first homecoming king for the Timberwolves. Then, all of the activities came to a close with the homecoming game and crowning of this year's queen. Cheers rang out when Tamika Roberts became the first homecoming queen for the ESHSN Timberwolves.

Photo by Kim Moucha

Kim Johnson, Beth Sconzo, and Kim Moucha enjoy twin day during spirit week.

Photo by Kim Moucha

Some of the girls hang out together having fun and showing off their school spirit and school colors.

'Cool Stuff' Happening Around School

Mrs. Padavano's English class will be working on a community service project on Tuesday, November 21, 2000. They are taking a field trip to Bushkill Outreach and helping in their food pantry, sorting and stocking food items. Outcomes: Build character * to understand the importance of volunteering* Transitioning.

Miss Eich:
3rd period Health 12: participated in a "grafitti" lesson. Each student used a dry erase marker and wrote how they felt when...(12 areas of board had a different situation about tobacco use) Ex. You see a pregnant women smoking, someone's chew spit cup is on the table next to you, etc. They also placed anti-smoking campaign posters throughout the first floor hallway bulletin boards.

9th period health 9: Carried a soda bottle "baby" in school for a week. The class consensus was that they enjoy being kids themselves and they are not ready to have children at this point in their lives. They also got the results back from their pretend "HIV Test." Each student opened a random envelope with the test results in it. Three people were "HIV Positive." Each student wrote a reaction paper, describing what they were feeling before and after they opened their envelope.

Mr. Johnson's 1st Block Basic English 1 class wrote an original, 3 scene, 1 Act play entitled Death of a friend. The students collaborated on selection of theme, plot development and characterization, demonstrating their understanding of the writing process.

Mrs.Mathiesen's German classes hosted Mr.Frank Schoelch as a guest speaker on September 27, 2000. Mr.Schoelch is the past director of the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce and has help post in many civic organizations. German born and raised, he discussed the German business culture and how it compares to the American business culture. He discussed the importance of learning a second language (specifically German) and how it has impacted his career. The German students received him very well.

Mr. Marcial, Mrs.Frank, Mrs.Anderson, Mr.Voglino. Intergrated curriculum on Greece and Rome through Role Play presentations in the auditorium; Art and Literature pieces based on the role plays; 2 page narrative as their "character" in the role play; and coverage of Julius Caesar in the English classes 10th grade. Art and Lit. displays have been placed in the high school art rooms and display cases.

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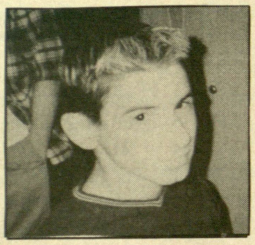
Opinion

What Students Say About the Idea of Wearing School Uniforms

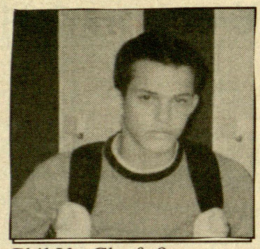


Greg Nigro- 10

"No. Because every body would be the same and everybody has their own personality."

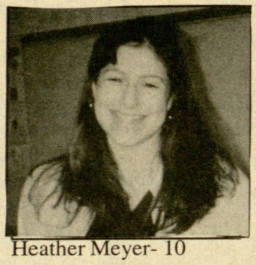
Neesha Goodman- 12

"Yes, it would be less expensive to spend on clothes."



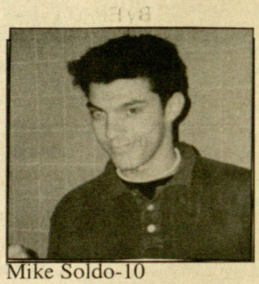
Phil VanCleaf- 9

"Yes, it would be easier, and quicker in the morning to get ready, but I wouldn't like them."



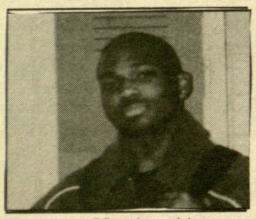
Heather Meyer- 10

"Whatever the majority of the students think. It should be voluntary and the students should pick them out."



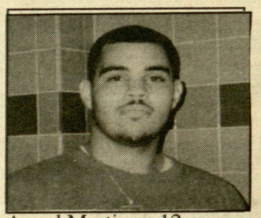
Mike Soldo-10

"No because everyone likes their own style and everybody wants to express that."



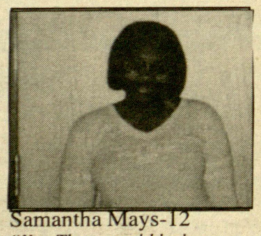
Terrence Herring-11

"No, because a lot of people would be uncomfortable in a uniform and a waste of money."



Angel Martinez-12

"No. It discriminates how people dress and how they like to dress."

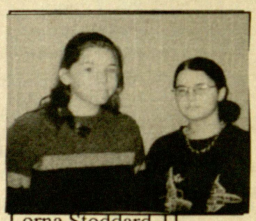


Samantha Mays-12

"Yes. There would be less competition on brand clothing because everybody would have the same thing."

Bianca Ruffin-12

"No. Everyone needs their own freedom of expression."



Lorna Stoddard-11

"No. Because it doesn't promote individuality and everyone would be the same."

North versus South: Pals as Always

By Virginia Garcia-
Opinion Staff Writer

Recently, there has been much press about an intense rivalry that is supposedly happening between the two East Stroudsburg Campuses. Ever since East Stroudsburg High School split into two different buildings, it seems that it also split into two different worlds. What is the deal with this animosity? Why does this "rivalry" even exist? It seems pointless to have such a thing going on between the two schools. Students from both schools use to sit in the same classrooms, share the same gym lockers, and even experience the same kind of lunch menu! What makes the students from the north campus so extremely different from the ones that go to the south campus? This reporter went on a mission to try to solve this mystery and came up with varied responses. Some students do not care too much about it, while others strongly feel that the split was badly needed. Rob Shields, a sophomore at ESHS- North commented on the rivalry saying that "being that we as people of this area have made long bus rides down there, and had to deal with all their problems, it's about time that we have something to call our own." Jade Tuff who is a freshman at ESHS- north feels that "it's really stupid because we all went to school together last year and got along." A lot of students, teachers, and parents feel anger because of the fact that the north campus seems to be receiving a lot more money than the south. Another factor that seems to be adding to the feud is the fact that both schools share one stadium. Some students from the south campus have ridiculed the football team for using their stadium and actually hold a lot of resentment towards north campus because of it. Although it is just a handful of students, it is still enough to keep this ridiculous rivalry going. In my opinion, it is just silly to keep such a petty little thing going between the two schools. The main rival is Stroudsburg, and they have been the rival long before the two schools even split. Maybe the only reason for this rivalry is the fact that students all knew each other and it is a brand new school. Maybe in the long run the animosity will die down and the resentment will fade. There is no solid reason behind the rivalry at all and it is completely pointless and a waste of energy. Rather than sit there and talk about how much the students supposedly "hate each other" or bad mouth the other school, why not squash it and have a giant gathering such as a combined dance? Everyone loves dances so hopefully no one will turn down the opportunity to see their old buddies from the south. Doing more activities together will probably help lighten this situation and everyone just needs to start doing things together so they do not feel animosity building against each other. As a matter of fact, both presidents of north and south campus SGA are trying to plan a big get together for both schools. So there is no real rivalry, it is all in the minds of a few individuals.

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Tennis Team Is Successful this Past Season including Districts

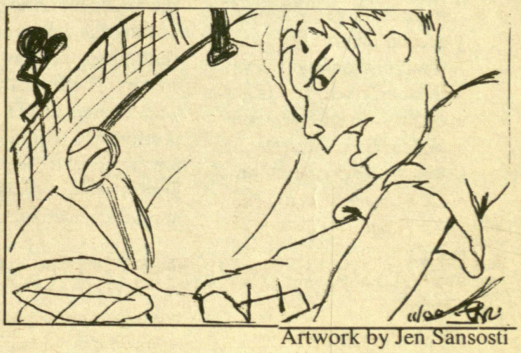
By Anne Marie Aponte-
Sports Staff Writer

The inaugural season for Girls Varsity tennis proved to be a highly successful one. The team surpassed all expectations and even brought home the school's first winning season by obtaining on overall record of 6-5. Even more impressive was the team's undefeated record in division play, which earned them the title of Northern Division Champions.

As champions, the girls qualified for team districts. There they put up a good fight, but lost in semi-final play to Scranton Prep, a team that would later make their way to the state finals.

Several players also participated in district singles and doubles play. Juniors Anne Marie Aponte and Olivia Jezowski represented the Timberwolves in singles. In doubles, Jezowski teamed up with sophomore Emily Maddalena while Aponte parried with junior Marlaina Geffers. The latter tandem made their way to the quarterfinals before being edged out by a tough Hanover pair. The squad is elated with the outcome of this premiere season. "Our opponents in District II are stacked with seasoned players and past state champs. It is not unusual to face a team whose four singles players regularly compete in USTA tournaments. Coming into this season, only four of our girls had ever held a racquet. We knew we had a struggle ahead of us, but all the girls worked so hard. I could not be more proud of them," remarked Coach Betty Aponte. Aponte herself was inexperienced as a coach and adds, "this season was a real learning experience for all of us." Coach Aponte credits much of the team's success to the leadership of her three co-captains, who she referred to as the "backbone" of their team. One of these captains is her daughter, Anne Marie Aponte, who came into this season with two years prior varsity experience. Her two other leaders, Olivia Jezowski and Marlaina Geffers, both responded well under pressure despite having to play singles for the first time. Junior Jessica Smale also played prior to this season and performed extremely well at doubles when paired up with sophomore newcomer Rachael DeRoche. "We've only just begun, but what a beginning! While our opponents played with experience, we played with heart, " reported Coach Aponte. "We've learned a lot, but have just started. We are already planning ahead and are very excited looking toward next year's season."

Students in the school cheered for the team, as they made their way into districts. Students were elated at the victories the tennis team had this season. Carl Pellington stated, "The team was really good this year." Following these sentiments, Katie Sibilia said, "The girls really worked hard this year and it showed in their performance on the courts."



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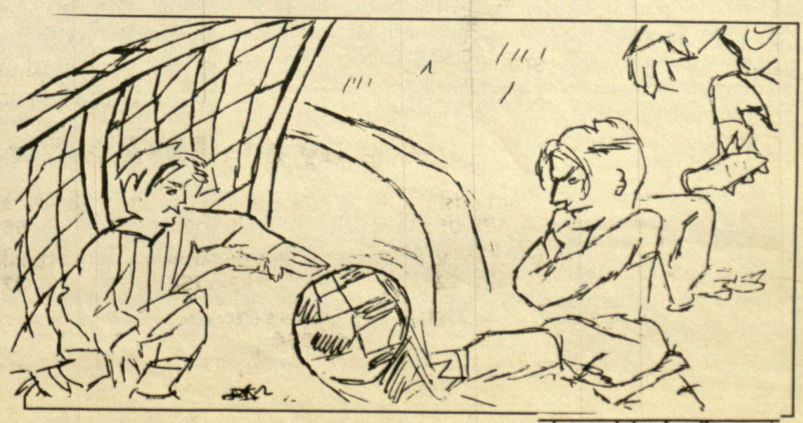
Soccer Looks Ahead to Next Year's Season and Far Beyond

By Carl Pellington-
Sports Staff Writer

As another sport season comes to an end athletes, as well as coaches, take time to reflect on their season. To reflect not only upon what they did well or bad, but also on what they have accomplished. This is especially true from Timberwolve's varsity soccer coach Art Entz and his players. Coach Entz was one of the many new coaches to East Stroudsburg's sports program that pushed his players to the max, and it paid off. The team went 6-10 overall in their season and gave it all they had. In an interview with coach Entz, he stated that a highlight of his team's season was, "the way we started the season. It was very impressive. We won our inaugural game and two after with shutouts. The players worked hard at every practice and their youth was an asset rather than a hindrance because they will have the opportunity to grow with each other over the next few years." The team's captains this year were goalie Greg Baldwin, starting stopper Mike Ferrara, and top midfielder Brian Fink. They helped keep the team on their toes when things looked unpleasant. Although when asked about his team and his players, Coach Entz responded, "Soccer is a team sport. Every player on the field is important and no one player, in my eyes, is more important than any other." Coach Entz is looking forward to next season. He has 21 of 22 players returning with many up and coming freshman. He stated, "If we work as we did this past season we should be a force to reckon with in the future." Hopefully, next season, the soccer team will compete in districts. This is not a far fetched idea because the team is worked throughout the season. A daily practice entails two laps around the school building, followed by stretching and skill work. Skill work can include the basics such as passing and trapping or scrimmaging. Coach Entz's main priority with his players is to get them into top physical condition so they can wear down their opponents. A tatic that worked well this season especially with the league's second team *Blue Ridge. Blue Ridge's* players were in just as good shape and their coach commented on how well the north soccer team persevered. This is one Timberwolve team to watch over the next few seasons.



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Sports Preview

Winter

Rifle Looks Ahead

By Kayla Goble-
Staff Writer

Rifle, a winter sport, is starting the first season in this school. Rifle remains in the same league as last year, so they will be playing against their friends at the south school. With only three returning team players and new coaches, this season is going to be tough. The head coach is Mr. Kuhne, a science teacher in the Lehman school and the assistant is Mr. Nace, an electronics teacher. Coach Kuhne hopes to have a winning season. Vinnie Cicconi, a returning sophmore says the season will be, "frightening". So far, only nine people are on the team, but twelve people is the ideal number.

Girls Basketball Off to a Terrific Start

By Tamika Roberts-
Staff Writer

The East Stroudsburg North High School girls basketball team is off to a terrific start. The team is coached this year by Hollie Mont gomery, physical educa tion teacher, and Daniel Mitchell, an elementary teacher at Bushkill. As a brand new team, there is plenty of work to be done. The coaches and players have discussed working on traditions that will be carried throughout the team's history. The team, this year, desires to be a positive one. The players are expected to keep their grades above average, be at practice everday, display good sportmanship, and be a positive role model for other students as well as in the community. The coaches and players desire to have a unity that keeps the team going. The players know the importance of getting along both on the court and off. Coach Montgomery had this to say about what she expects from her players, "I expect all my players to be team players. This is a team sport not an individual sport. There is a sign posted in the locker room on a mirror. The sign says, 'Team first, me second.' As coaches do, we emphasize this a lot to the girls. When they walk out of the locker room they are to become one." One of the players, Courtney Camacho said this about the team's unity, "We are trying to spend a lot of time together off the court especially with the new team members so we work together as one on the court. We are trying to make a family atmosphere so we will be successful this season." Along with the unity, Montgomery wants the team to have fun. She stated, "Honestly, I just want to make sure that the girls enjoy being the first team ever in this school's history to play on the women's basketball team." Christina Miro had this to say about being on the first ever team, "We all feel really special and it makes us want to strive even harder to win."

Swim Team Gets Ready

By Compiled Staff
Members

This year's swim team is off to a terrific start. One of its veteran swimmers, Josh Elder is sure to make a "splash" in the up-coming season. The head coach this year is Ms. Maylor. Many of the team's swimmers like Sarah Wallace, Suzanne Devaney, Donna Cuiffo and Jess Krapuski will be worth watching this season. The meets are at various times and dates. The first meet will be on December 8. When asked about how she thinks the team will do this season, Sarah Wallace said, "I think we are in a tough league, but so far we are looking pretty good. We do have a chance at districts this season."

Boys Basketball Looking Forward to a "Killer" First Season

By Abby Devaney-
Sports Staff Writer

Falls sports like football, soccer, and field hockey have already ended and many athletes are getting ready for the switch into winter sports season. But not the boy's basketball team. They have been ready long before, prepared and just waiting for the season to start. Since the beginning of the school year these dedicated players have been enthusiastic and excited for the upcoming season. Every few days these boys get together and stay after school. Where can you find them? Either in the weight room working the bench press, or the main gym practicing their game and perfecting their form.

This will be the first year for the new timberwolf team, but that would probably fool anyone if they saw these guys scrimmaging against each other. Part of the reason why the players look so good is that many of them have been practicing together over the summer. A group of about ten guys, which will no doubtly be ten of the chosen to be on the varsity team, have worked hard all summer playing in the school summer league, led by the first ever varsity t-wolf coach Mr. Kashner. Some of these players also participated in AAU.

Two returning players Kuaheim Powell and Jesse Swenson, as well as other seniors who will be first year players, Giovanni Ortiz, Eric Ramos, and Danny Johnson are getting ready for team tryouts and are working especially hard. Powell and Swenson possible team leaders, have definitely stepped up during pre-season practices. Juniors Terrence Herring, Terry Bomar, and first year player Jason Alers all show much promise to the team as well as sophomore Jon DeJesus. All these players have set high goals for their team this year. The only hurdle to jump for these boys are tryouts Monday November 13 through Friday November the 17. After that it's smooth sailing for them as they start to build the first ever timberwolf basketball team, ready and psyched for the season. Student's and faculty alike are looking forward to this upcoming season. Mrs. Anderson stated, "I really think this year's team will perform exceptionally well and will crush their competition."

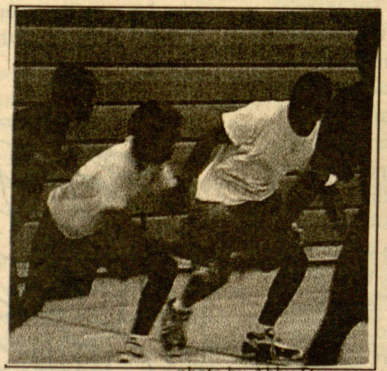

photo by Abby Devaney

Anthony McCree got the rebound while Terrence Herring tried to stop him from driving down the lane.

Photo by Abby Devaney

They move in for a shot.

Feature

Foreign Language Club Sets the School "on fire" with their Enthusiasm

By Eliza Costoso-
Feature Staff Writer

Every other Wednesday, after school in room 309, students can find the members of the Foreign Language Club and Head Advisors Miss Leitzel and Mrs. Mathiesen planning activities to promote

to their friends on Halloween with a message and a tasty lollipop. This club is also planning their first trip to New York City where students will visit the Statue of Liberty, Metropolitan Museum, Jeckyll & Hyde, and Rockefeller Center. This club is off to a great start. This club is still looking for new members,

photos by Ms. Leitzel

Above: Jenn Pearson sits at a table with others working hard.

Amber O'Grady loves fillling out the boo-pop cards.

Katie Siblia enjoys making boo-pops with the crowd.

Photo cut out of newsprint.

Mock Trial Looks for their First of Many Wins

By Samantha Mays-
Feature Staff Writer

With new expectations and goals the mock trial team of East Stroudsburg North has a new challenge awaiting them. With new members and experienced players this will be the best season ever. "This team has a lot of potential and I think we will go all the way," said Ms.Trish Kaszupski, the coach and organizer. Their first competition is on Saturday, November eighteenth. They will go against the sister school the south campus, Eastern York, Evergreen Community, Northampton, Pleasant Valley, Pocono Mountain, Stroudsburg, Notre Dame and the prestigious MMI Prep, the winners of last years November Competition. The team feels ready for this competition. Team member, Joe Moro, stated, "I think we are going to do awesome this year." Also two other experienced players, Walter Grabowski and John Shortino stated "I think we are going to do good; we have people who know what they are doing and people who want to succeed. We will try hard to win. I feel we have a good chance." Shortino added to the statement that they know exactly what they are going to do and they are prepared for anything that the competition can throw at them. The team is looking forward to a successful season. The students in mock trial are given a pretend case by the bar association and they prepare the case from both the plaintiff and defense sides. Students take on the roles of witnesses and attorneys and compete against other schools in the area. The competitions last eight hours and meets vary on time and place. Kaszupski states about this weekend's competition, "I expect the team to do very well this weekend because they have been very diligent in preparing this case and express a desire to win." The team looks forward to their next competition in February at the Monroe County Courthouse where they will compete against Monroe and Pike county schools. This team is one to watch over the next few months for it has the potential to become a tremendous force at ESHSN.

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Step Team: A "New Wave" in School Spirit

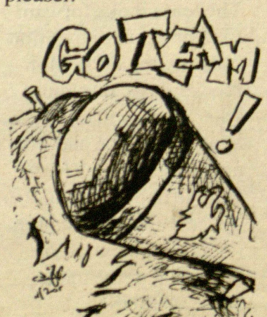
By Virginia Garcia-
Opinion Staff Writer

For several years now, the step team has been contributing a different type of entertainment during the basketball season. This amazing group of young women and men is causing a great buzz of excitement throughout the school and this year will be no different. The boys and girls have been working hard ever since September to perfect their moves to wow audiences. For those who are not aware of what the step team is all about, it is a form of self-expression using the body as the sole instrument. The beats and moves caused by clapping and stomping flow together to create a body moving rhythm that is contagious. Ms. Powell, who is the advisor of the Step Team, has been in step all throughout her college years. Much of the steps that are being taught to the team are her college sorority steps. Because the team has a new advisor, there are plenty of new changes that have happened. Step is no longer an activity solely being offered to high school students, but is also branching out to reach the little sisters and brothers from the Lehman side of the building. This move has received a great amount of interest and applause for uniting the two buildings into one. The Step Team is not just about performing but is also about unity, discipline, and dedication. Rules are strongly enforced by Ms. Powell and her assistant, Ms. Yvette. And these two ladies do not allow anybody to take this commitment lightly. The students who decide to join have showed a great amount of discipline and commitment. Practices run about three to four times a week from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm, which takes out a lot of time out of those who have extremely busy schedules. Their first performance in front of the school was the pep rally that was held before Homecoming. The step team performed a dance with steps they had been practicing on for a while and also invited the boys from Lehman to perform with them. They received much praise from Mr. McGovern who never seeing the step team perform before stated, "I am extremely impressed." So look out for this new talent to step out and make the audience move to a new beat at the upcoming basketball games. During the pep rally, the students really responded to the team in a positive way by cheering and stomping along with the team. Other teachers that were present at the pep rally also commended their performance. Miss Kropcho stated, "I think the entire team should be very proud of their hard work and dedication. Their performance was outstanding and I can not wait to see them perform again."

Cheerleaders: Devoted to the Cause of Promoting School Spirit

By Virginia Garcia-
Opinion Staff Writer

One group of devoted fans is there through the good and bad to support the ESHSN football team. Nothing could hold them back, not even rain, losses, or the freezing temperatures, which shows true school spirit. The cheerleading squad is such a group. Many of the girls on the squad are brand new without much experience. But during the summer they practiced hard to punch their motions and perfect their jumps. A lot of hard work and thought were put into their routines and dances. The squad's enthusiastic voices can be heard practicing from the auxiliary gym twice a week, and performing at the various home and away games that football has played this season. These girls have much spirit and dedication in them and sometimes travel an hour or two just to support their team. Jade Tuff, a member of the junior varsity squad thinks, "It's cool that we can do all those stunts that we do with so little people." The squad is also fond of their new coach, Ms. Dorothy French, who is a teacher at Lehman. They feel that she is a very good coach and knows how to have fun while teaching how to execute a difficult stunt or how to be enthusiastic in front of a large crowd. The pep rally was a real show of how talented these ladies are. They revved up the crowd and had almost everyone dancing to the song that has become the north campus's trademark; "Who Let the Dogs Out?" by the Baja Men. The squad also performed a dance that they brought home from an NCA Cheerleading Camp they all went to this past summer. It is amazing to see the transformation of how well the squad performs now than they did before this camp. The cheerleaders are more confident and all those long, hard practices and continuous training have led to form a very spirited and exciting crowd-pleaser.



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Film Club is Looking for New Members

By Jenn Asplint-
Feature Staff Writer

Film is making its debut in this school. It is run by Miss Frank and they meet Tuesday after school in room 205. It was created to learn about the process of making movies and short films. The club connects future actors to directors or producers and to camera people in hopes of combining everyone's efforts to produce a short film. The one thing this club is missing is people to write scripts. At this time, everyone is trying their hands at writing but with few results. Equipment is of course the other thing the club needs assistance obtaining. They hope to be doing fundraising for money to purchase necessary items for the club. This club will prove to be a great success in future years. Any student who is interested in joining should contact Miss Frank in room 205.

Sports

Football Looks to Next Year and Beyond

By Carl Pellington-
Sports Staff Writer

Everyone knows varsity football, probably the most well known sport in the school. also However, it is a new team with many new players. The football team had a challenging season. However, while the season's record may be disappointing, the numbers do not express the heart or determination the players and coaches had during the season. Coach Dailey and his six assistant coaches consisting of Coach Berke, Coach Myers, Coach Szulborski, Coach Lazowski, Coach Nevil, and Coach Arther worked long, arduous, hours to organize and develop a team that has the potential to reach excellence in the future. Of course, the players worked very hard to develop a winning team. The The varsity team captains this year were homecoming king Randy Paolino, Colin Elwood, and Mike Eaton. Two highlighted individuals of the team are Victor Clause and two-way starting freshman Chris Lynch. The team realized they had a tough job ahead of them being compiled of sophomores and inexperienced players, but they never gave up and continued to fight. Coach Dailey considers the team as being "leaps and bounds from where we started." Coach Dailey says the future looks bright for the Timberwolves varsity football team due to the determination of everyone to succeed. Spectators of the football games feel the same way. Jenn Struhala said, " With more practice and determination, the team will be more agressive and rise to a successful season." Samantha Mays also stated, "Next year the team will strive towards their goal and make the season a winning one worthwile for all to come out and watch even at away games."

J.V. Football Improved Through Season

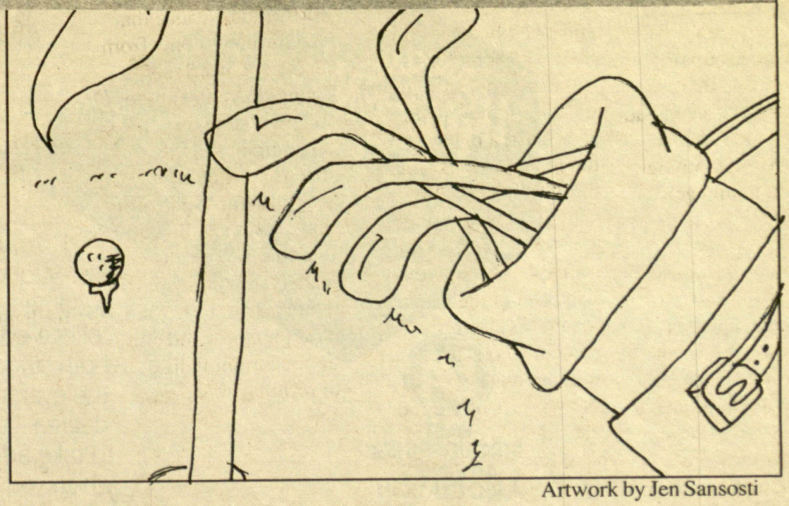
By Carl Pellington-
Sports Staff Writer

This is not only the start of a new varsity football program but also a start for a new JV team. Coaching this first year team is Coach Berke. His team captains are Anthony Ferrara and David Krupski. David Krupski is in the record books for scoring the teams first ever JV touchdown. Coach Berke sees many positives in his young team, but says that they need to work out the negatives. He also believes the team has shown much improvement but is still progressing in their development. Berke highlighted the teams October 16th game against Lakeland as being the teams best game of the season. The team did lose this game, but Coach Berke was happy with the team's performance both offensively and defensively. Coach Berke says his players and coaches will "commit to the program" in the future as they did this season. With this kind of spirit, they will succeed next year.

Freshmen Football "Gave It Their All" This Season

By Carl Pellington-
Sports Staff Writer

Coach Nevil is head coach of the Timberwolve's freshman team. Coach Arther assists him. Coach Nevil and Coach Arther have brought their team to a 3-4 season. Freshman team captains were Luke Haskell, Carmine Conti, and Victor Espinoza. Coach Nevil would like to highlight this goon squad led by Laslo. Coach Nevil is very proud of his first year freshman program and of his players. He stated, "The boys never quit and never gave up." He believes that the future looks bright for Timberwolves football in All the players feel the same optimism.



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Golf Looks Ahead to Next Season

By Carl Pellington-
Sports Staff Writer

August 2000 was the start of a new year in a new school and a new season for fall athletes. It was the start of a new year in which all of E.S.H.N. teams hoped for the best, but were unsure of the final outcomes. Among these many teams is the golf team. Coach Metzgar led the team this year along with his team captain Geoff Okpyich. The team's last match was on October 6 and they went 0-14 overall. The team this year had a challenging season due to inexperienced players, as is the case with many of the new teams, but golf still managed to send two of its players to districts. These two talented young individuals were team captain Geoff Okpyich and teammate Colleen Gurry. To compensate for the team's inexperience this year, Coach Metzgar held a golf tournament on Sunday, October 22 to raise funds for the team as well as give them more experience playing golf. Coach Metzgar is looking forward to next year and sums up this year's season stating, "I'm proud of the fight they gave even though we didn't win a match." Hopefully, next season the team will have a better record and will send more people to districts. The team should be able to accomplish this goal with its young players that will gain experience over the next few seasons. The team realizes that it will have to work hard to achieve this goal, but with the determination and effort shown this year, this goal will become a reality.

Field Hockey Finishes Strong in First Season

By Kim Moucha-
Sports Staff Writer

The first field hockey season at the East Stroudsburg North High School was the beginning of successful year's to come. This season Holly Eich and Jason Kish coached the girls to desire to work hard in order to win. Throughout the season, the coaches were successful in making this goal a reality. Eventhough this may not be considered a winning season, the field hockey team faced a tough league. Abby Devaney stated about next season, "Next year we will be a lot stronger because of our experiences."

Timberwolves Cross Country Team Completes Commendable First Season

By Zach Hunter-
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The size of the Eastburg North Cross-Country team may not have been very large, but the team's sportsmanship, determination, character, and heart for the sport could not be disputed. Despite battling injuries of many key runners for most of the season, the Wolves pulled together to stomp Carbondale for one of the highlights of the season. Led by Zachary Hunter and Daniel Johnson who placed first and second (respectively) overall in the race, they went on to beat Carbondale 18-37 in the team's first cross-country win in Eastburg North history.

The T-Wolves worked very hard all season long and were successful against many teams that were on many occasions three times the size of Eastburg. The guys team was led by outstanding senior veteran Daniel Johnson and junior Zachary Hunter. Freshman newcomer Justin Conant also ran impressive times throughout the season to help the Wolves. Other members that possessed a tremendous amount of heart on the team were junior newcomers Tyree Cottle and Cory Conant who both put exceptional effort into running and showed brilliance consistently all season long. Sophomore Will Grace also ran well for the T-Wolves.

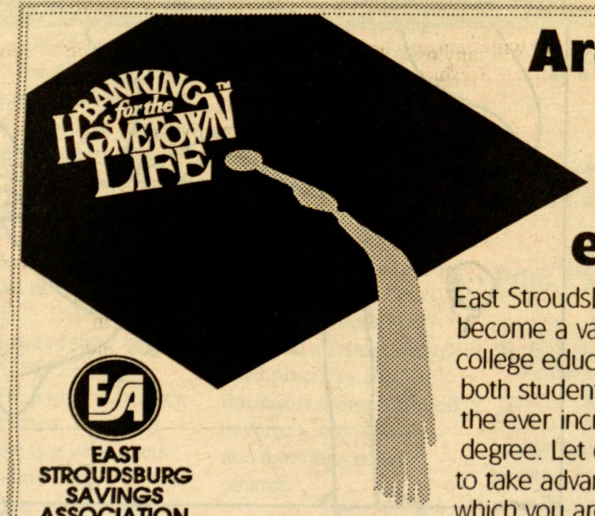
The girls team was fortunate to have a large percentage of veteran runners who provided leadership to the team all season long. Led by sophomore sensation Beth Donchez (2 yr. veteran) who consistently was one of the top girls in the area, and Tamika Roberts (4 yr. veteran) who had an awesome year and finished the season incredibly strong. Both girls ran at their peak of their season when the team needed them to come through the most. Junior Kristin Gonczi and sophomore Debbie Kritisis also immensely helped propel the girls team to a very respectable status by running good times consistently and working hard all season long.

The Timberwolves finished the season fantastically at League and District Meets. Beth Donchez ran a personal record time in the League Meet and went on to run an even better time at the District Meet. Tamika Roberts finished sixth at Districts and had this to say about the overall season, "Although we had a small team, we all ran hard and gave it our all." Many other team members share in this sentiment. The team looks forward to next year with many of their talented runners returning.

When asked, however, to share some words of wisdom for the freshmen, Roberts comments are one the entire school should remember. "Your success in academics and athletics comes from a willingness to learn, to accept criticism, and to persevere when times become hard."

Photo by Zach Hunter

Cross Country runner, Zach Hunter practices for an upcoming meet. All members of the team consistently fight hard through many aches and pains to continue to run for the team.



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